

# MECKLENBURG COUNTY Land Use & Environmental Services Agency

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission

From: Dylan J. Kirk, Mecklenburg County LUESA

Date: December 28, 2020 10:00AM

Subject: Initial Rezoning Petition Comments

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission 600 East Fourth Street Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Mecklenburg County has reviewed the City of Charlotte rezoning petition below to identify regulatory requirements of the petitioner; inform the petitioner, planning staff, and other affected parties of such regulatory requirements; and identify potential effects on, and impacts from, nearby properties.

| Petitioner Information:          | Parcel GIS ID(s): |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Elmington Capital Group          | 14510317          |
| 118 16th Ave South, Suite 200    | 14510318          |
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## 2020-200: Elmington Capital Group

Air Quality Comments: The proposed development is likely to require the use of heavy-duty diesel equipment (≥25 hp) and is located adjacent to a population sensitive to air pollution (e.g. hospital, clinic, retirement facility, school, daycare). Diesel exhaust may pose health risks to these sensitive populations. Therefore, MCAQ recommends that during construction the petitioner use diesel equipment that meets EPA Tier 4 emission standards, the cleanest equipment available. Using the cleanest equipment available will minimize air pollution thereby minimizing health impacts to the surrounding communities. A letter communicating this recommendation has been mailed directly to the petitioner by MCAQ.

Ground Water Services Comments: Groundwater & Wastewater Services records indicate contamination site(s) exist on or within 1,500 feet of parcel 145-103-17. An established Area of Regulated Groundwater Usage (ARGU) as defined by the Mecklenburg County Groundwater Well Regulations

extends 1,500 feet around the contamination sites. In an ARGU where municipally supplied water is available water supply wells for potable water supply, irrigation or open loop geothermal systems may not be permitted or constructed on or within 1,000 feet of contamination sites. Wells may be permitted with special construction and sampling requirements between 1,000 and 1,500 feet of contamination sites.

Groundwater & Wastewater Services records indicate a registered septic system exists on parcel 145-103-18. No regulations govern the abandonment of septic systems; however, GWS does recommend that septic tanks be pumped by a NC Licensed Septic Hauler to remove any residual contents and then crushed and backfilled. This recommendation is made because improperly abandoned septic tanks may not be able to support the weight of vehicular traffic, structural foundations or people posing a safety hazard.

Storm Water Services Comments: A Floodplain Development permit must be obtained documenting compliance with the City of Charlotte Floodplain Regulations for all development occurring in the floodplain. In addition, staff recommend any structures proposed within the Community Special Flood Hazard Area be constructed to a Flood Protection Elevation equal to the Community Base Flood Elevation plus two (2) feet of freeboard based upon recent analyses of the future floodplains supported by the Storm Water Advisory Committee.

Solid Waste Comments: No petition comments.

#### **Department Contacts:**

Petitioners seeking to address individual comments and issues may follow up with the following Mecklenburg County staff:

Air Quality Comments: PJ McKenzie - (paul.mckenzie@mecklenburgcountync.gov)

Ground Water Services: Shawna Caldwell - (shawna.caldwell@mecklenburgcountync.gov)

Storm Water Services: Myrette Stephen - (myrette.stephen@mecklenburgcountync.gov)

Solid Waste Comments: Joe Hack - (joe.hack@mecklenburgcountync.gov)

Additionally, please CC Dylan Kirk, (dylan.kirk@mecklenburgcountync.gov) on all communications to individual departments.

## MCAQ Scope of Review:

Mecklenburg County Air Quality (MCAQ) has reviewed the petitions with regard to air quality regulations for stationary sources and demolition and/or renovation of structures (e.g. National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for asbestos). Comments may also be made regarding incompatible land uses, sources of Toxic Air Pollutants, proximity to Risk Management Plan facilities, and proximity to known nuisance conditions or sensitive populations. MCAQ has conducted the review based on information submitted by the petitioner, review of aerial photographs (as available through the Mecklenburg County Polaris system), review of the "Air Pollution Facility Information Online" database available from the MCAQ website, and review of Mecklenburg County Health Department records. The review is cursory based on limited information provided within petition applications and site plans.